Encroachments Around Airports

3081. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the irports including some premiere ones like Mumbai are surrounded by sprawling encroachments even right upto the perimeter wall posing serious hazard to air traffic and avoidable security threat; and

(b) if so, the details of the problems faced at different airports and the action taken/proposed to be taken to remove these encroachments with their present status?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Airports at Hyderabad, Kota, Mumbai, Patna, Pantnagar, Rajkot, Tiruchirapalli and Vadodara are surrounded by sprawling slums and these slums due to their proximity to airport boundary wall pose a threat to the security. Some of these slums are located on private/State Government land closer to the proximity of airport perimeter wall and Airports Authority of India (AAI) has no plans for rehabilitation/re-location of such slums. AAI is regularly requesting concerned State Governments for removal of these slums.

Revision of pay scales of IA/AA Ground Staff

3082. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ground staff working in Indian Airlines and Alliance Air are provided other different pay scales/structure for the same work/job;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the salary of staff other than ground staff has been revised in Alliance Air; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not revising the pay structure of ground staff?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN):(a) to (d) Indian Airlines and Airline Allied Services Limited (operating Alliance Air) are two separate registered companies. Although AASL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Airlines, it is functionally autonomous.

The salary structure and other terms and conditions of service of employees of Indian Airlines are evolved through bilateral negotiations within the framework of Government guidelines as well as through various awards of Arbitrator/Tribunal/National Industrial Tribunal.

Employees of AASL are engaged through fixed term employment agreements which are renewable. The salary of critical categories of employees such as Pilots and Engineers was revised/rationalized, whereas the increase in salary of other categories of staff (Ground Staff) done by way of annual increments *i.e.* as per the conditions laid down in the contract.

Operational facilities to foreign Airlines

3083. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Cruise Control Government restriction make foreign airlines think twice before setting up shop in India" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 17th March, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard to create favourable conditions for the foreign airlines to operate?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN):(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Bilateral air services agreements are concluded on the basis of principle of reciprocity and equality of benefits to both sides. To achieve this the airlines sometimes enter into commercial arrangements to compensate for imbalances in operations and advantages. India has so far entered into bilateral Air Services